

Clerks Office

\$1.00 IN ADVANCE.

HOME NEWS

Miss Anna Kinn is teaching in Mr. Love's family.

J. R. G. Wilson recovered his last dog, "Maudie," last Monday.

Concomerence exercises will be held at Buckeye next Friday at the church of Douglas McNeill's school.

Dr. J. H. Wymouth, the well-known dental surgeon, now resides at Elkins, where his correspondence may address him.

Max Bettey Revere, on Brown Mountain, slipped on the ice, last week, and was severely injured in the right side, but is rapidly recovering.

We learn from the Stantam Spectator that Mr. Hugh Dever, of Stantam, passed through Stantam to visit his son, John Dever, at Greenham, Nebraska, and will be absent several months.

Two colored people in the Flat Woods have spent their holidays in a most enjoyable manner. Two or three suppers and a festival were liberally patronized. There were quite a number of social parties, and several spirited football games.

There is a large panther prowling around the mountain in Western Pocomantas. The tracks were seen on Elk some days ago, and last Sunday evening William Johnson, of Marlinton, saw the tracks Williams River. The track was as large as that of a two-year-old bear. The beast was making for the Black Mountain.

MARRIED: At the Buckeye M. P. Church, Wednesday, January 18th, Mr. Albert B. Overholt, a prominent business man of that place, was united in marriage to Miss Lucy McNeill, daughter of William McNeill. At the same time and place, Mr. Enock McNeill, a well-known citizen of Pocomantas, was married to Miss Mary Dawson, eldest daughter of William Dawson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joshua Buckley.

The pupils of Miss Bertie Baxter's school gave a nice entertainment last Friday afternoon, after performing the usual school duties of the day. It was intended as a complimentary to their teachers. Something after the fashion of a Christmas tree was improvised, illuminated, and loaded with presents for each other and some tokens of appreciation for their teachers. And some to have been originated and carried out by the spontaneous will of the pupils.

Mrs. Mary Ryan, wife of Hon. J. T. Ryan, of Highland County, Virginia, died at her home, near Williamsport, on Wednesday, January 14th, aged about sixty-five years. Her children, Mrs. Minnie Ryan, Professor Ryan, and Julian Ryan, were residents of Marlinton two or three years since. She was a very estimable person in all the relations of life, noted for intelligence, good personal attractions, and amiable piety. She was the eldest daughter of the late Moses McClintic, of Bath County, and a sister of Moses McClintic, Jr., the well-known merchant at the West Virginia Springs.

A party of five hunters, including Sam Gladwell of Marlinton, killed six deer on Dry River, in Rockingham County, Virginia. None of the deer were shot, but all were caught by the hunters. These were captured by the dog owner Skidmore's Fork, the fourth in Dave Duncanson's yard, and Duncanson cut the animal's throat with a knife, another one run down close to Jim Halliday's house, near Mt. Clinton, and was knuckled in the head with an ax by Halliday; the sixth deer was caught near Hagerstown, and then Col. Halliday followed on horseback, got to the arena in time to let its life blood out with a knife. Sam Gladwell killed a large antelope while on the hunt.

One of the popular pastimes of the young people of this town when they meet at their numerous evening parties is the telling of stories. One of the best characters of the members of the club is a young physician in one act, somewhat new, and commencing with a "V" as was announced by the harrier. The performance of this act was so successful that the audience was so much pleased that he had a splendid run in the role of his lead which they found told the common man not real pain, but a little bit of the same. The audience was so much pleased that he had a splendid run in the role of his lead which they found told the common man not real pain, but a little bit of the same. The audience was so much pleased that he had a splendid run in the role of his lead which they found told the common man not real pain, but a little bit of the same.

Wagon Makers

is having a house built at Sidney.

Captain Smith will soon have six million feet ready for the next drive on Knapp's Creek.

His body must be well nourished now to prevent sickness. If your appetite is poor take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

At Glendale a chambermaid named Paula Sumnerfield, shot a widow named Larkins in the leg, seriously wounding her. It was a .38 caliber revolver, and she did not know it was loaded.

James Turner, of Driftwood, was in Marlinton, Thursday, and paid this office a visit. On Thursday evening, James Turner and Mrs. Andrew Sheets killed a large deer, for which they received fourteen dollars.

It has just leaked out that a supposed bear, a well-known hunter killed in the mountains near Glover Lick, and which was just reported to this paper, was in reality a black sheep which the dog had bayed one dark night.

James Lynch, a wealthy citizen, of Mississippi county, left an estate valued at \$75,000 to the Baptist Church, Broadland College, and other Baptist institutions of his State. His wife got two cows and the household goods.

Tex C. & W. came passed over the Layman Treat, east of Harrisonburg, last week, and track-laying is being pushed towards Elkton. There are indications that the possibility that the C. & W. in its western extension will not deviate very far from the track blazed out for the "Calico Railroad" so noted in the industrial history of Highland County.

In Lincoln County, two special officers attempted to arrest a desperate character named Montague. He resisted, and shot one of the officers, whereupon the other, a younger brother of J. W. Wescott, late of Academy, shot and killed him. An account of this affair in another column, taken from a Wheeling paper, does not coincide with the report of the proceedings in the Lincoln County papers.

Last Sunday there were fourteen accessions to the M. P. church at Buckeye. Two of the newcomers, Ernest W. and Samuel Welford, chose to be baptized by immersion. The ice had to be cut, and they, with the minister, Rev. Holden, entered the ice-cold water of the Green River where it was stout two and one-half feet deep. A large crowd attended the services, which were very impressive.

Jonas's lines enjoining the common physician come home this time of year when we see every day the untiring efforts of the village doctor to keep death away from threatened homes.

When fasting nature called for aid, and leaving the table, the vigorous restorers displayed. The power of self without the power. In misery a doctor's name. His useful case was ever right. When human nature pointed his green.

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About three miles from Marlinton is a settlement of colored people, numbering about a hundred. This village is known by the name of "The Branch," or "Branchburg." At the present time the community is in a state of ferment over the troubles of two young people. Ben, a fine figure of a young fellow, has been paying attention to Lou, the daughter of one of the aristocratic families of the village. The old folks are violently opposed to Ben, while it is commonly believed that Lou is not averse to Ben's suit. The neighbors have taken sides, and just now there is a wide breach in colored society that can never be bridged nor patched.

Two members of the Marlinton Methodist Episcopal Church, held a meeting at this place, last Monday, in order to send a site for their new church to be erected during the course of the coming season. Two places were taken under consideration, one site being near the court-house on the site of the old church, and the other on the public square. A majority decided in favor of the latter place, which, to the writer's mind, was the most desirable. The church will be on Court Street, facing north. The Congregational church, which is on the site of the old church, will be on the site of the old church, which is on the site of the old church.

Guide and Hunter.

In the upper end of Pocomantas

there is a man whose business it is to accompany pleasure parties to the Rocky Mountain region in the capacity of guide, and he has experienced much in his life that interest those who are fond of hearing tales of adventure and stories of peril and privation. The man whom we refer to is Granville Keller, a tall wiry looking man, perhaps thirty-five years old, and who, with his quick eye and ever present Winchester, impresses the casual observer with the idea that he is not the man to be easily taken by surprise.

In a late issue of the Richmond Dispatch a long account is printed of his work last season. On the 3rd of June he started to Philadelphia and there joined the party consisting of Senator R. B. Taylor and Dr. Penrose and wife. In the Yellowstone National Park they found their camping outfit and nineteen horses waiting them. They remained in the mountains until the 6th of October. They were in a country infested with Indians, but met with no hostile tribes. It was reported at one time that they had been massacred, but Mr. Keller knew nothing of the report until he came back "when he found there was nothing in it." They killed a number of elk and other large game, which he says is becoming scarcer each year.

After his return from the west he joined another Philadelphia party and went to Canada to a point on the Gulf of St. Lawrence to hunt the moose and caribou. A number of caribou were killed, but the condition of the weather made it impossible to hunt the moose with any great success.

Mr. Keller has a number of fine trophies of the hunt at his home near Traveler's Rest. He says that he has hunted with men who have carried rifles costing \$1,000 but that he prefers the one he has carried for years, which is a 45-90 Winchester.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. B. Ricketts made a short business trip to New York this week.

Sam Gladwell has returned from a trip to his old home in Rockingham county, Va.

W. McIntire was in town Monday. He has almost recovered from his injuries received by a fall from his cart.

Bob Malcomb, of William's River, is recovering from what was thought at one time to be a fatal attack of pertussis.

A. N. Taylor was in town last Saturday.

James Jackson, Esq., one of Elk's popular citizens, was in town last week.

Cal. Driscoll and L. Morefield, the traveling salesman of the firm of Hooton, Morton & Co., were in Pocomantas this week.

Mr. Deaulville, an English gentleman, who is well known to many of our people, was in town last Saturday. He is a noted sportsman, and has fished in many streams in the course of his extensive travels. His first visit to the county was eighteen years ago when he made a trip to Williams River from Callahan, a distance of some sixty miles in a two-hour spring wagon. He thinks that his party was the first that ever fished with fly on those waters. At that time they caught thousands of fish, setting back an immense number. He was very much impressed at that time by the wildness of the country. A panther had just been killed, and one day a bear came down to the river where he was fishing. On their way back a wheel broke down, and they accomplished fifty miles of their journey with three wheels and a rickety pole. It was on this trip that he arranged to walk from Callahan to Frankford and back, making over fifty miles, in sixteen hours. He made the distance and won the wager.

As an example of the length of time a chicken can live without food, the experimental experiment made by Levi Beverside, of Clover Lick, can be noted. This chicken got into the kitchen of his grocery on the 22nd of December and was not found until the 10th of January, it having existed without food for nineteen days. When taken out, the bird was very poor, but it was not dead. It was very much surprised to find it so long without food. It was very much surprised to find it so long without food.

Mr. Geo. S. Clark's well has been fished at a depth of 80 feet, and he contains 10 feet of water. Though the thick layer of limestone, which underlies all of this community, makes well digging a very hard task, as water is very scarce, the deep digging of the well has been a great success. A few more days' work will complete W. B. Overholt's side, then he will be ready to deliver his lecture to the first.

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Hillboro Male and Female Academy.

I desire to announce through

your paper that the Spring term of the Male and Female Academy will begin Feb. 10th to continue four months. Our fall term has been a very successful and interesting one. The students have conducted themselves excellently and everything connected with the school has been harmonious. We hope, however, to make improvements and to do better work during the next term than we have yet done.

Miss Virginia Sydenstricker will continue to teach the primary department and German, and Miss Grace Clark will teach music and French. Both these ladies have given entire satisfaction in all their work. We so value the patronage of those who are interested in the education of their sons and daughters and we wish to call the attention of young men and young ladies to the advantage we offer. At a small cost you can here have instruction in all the elements of education in music, language, the mathematics, and the elements of science. We will be glad to have young teachers who may wish to attend school during the Spring months. Considering our advantages, and reasonable rates, we think the people of Pocomantas could better patronize this home school than to send their children to more distant places.

We will be glad to give all necessary information in regard to tuition rates, board, or anything connected with the school. Very respectfully, Miss S. 1896. D. S. HANLEY.

DUNTORE.

Cool and dry.

Dr. Barnett was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown were at their son's in town last week.

Miss Minnie McLaughlin, of Highland, is visiting here.

A "harrier," or Western blizzard, moved ten houses in Green Bank a short time ago.

Nancy Patterson has erected a blacksmith shop at Glade Hill, and the sound and sight thereof is like unto a volcano.

Elijah Grant had his fingers frozen.

J. A. Renick and daughter passed through town Saturday.

Mr. Wescott took his daughter, Miss May, to Lewisburg, last week to school.

Work has commenced on the new church at Glade Hill. J. O. Wade contractor.

Miss Tom Barnett had a horse to sell with a sled, at Dunmore, last week, and catching Mr. Tacy's horse on the sled, handled him quite a ways before he was stopped.

Colin John Driscoll passed through town Sunday.

John Peters and son, of Rockverle, are visiting here.

Dick Beard was in town this week.

Fruit-tree men are canvassing here for the nursery of McLean & Coogee, of Marlinton County, W. Va. There is some sign of another year—it's a boy.

Jacob McLaughlin is home from camp with a crippled arm.

Phil Gum and Robert Landon brought a load of flour to town today.

John A. Noel and Ed McLaughlin moved William McClure's engine to Dunmore, last week, to place him.

Swecker & Taylor have received and have on hand the only complete line of burial material in the county.

HILLSBORO.

Very pleasant weather this week, no rain or snow. The ice is melting, and will stop the ice harvest.

Mr. S. J. Payne has taken away a load of stock. We wish him success.

Moses Burns and Smith still grind on Tuesdays and Fridays, let every body bring in their own and make manufactured into the best soap.

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DEPARTMENT STORE



Fountain Block Charleston, W. Va

ANNOUNCEMENT

In submitting our prices to the public we do not claim our quotations to be always the lowest, nor have we stroven to meet a price. All our efforts have been toward the purchasing and selling of thoroughly satisfactory articles, at the smallest cost at which good materials and good workmanship can be united.

We leave results to judgment of thread buyers, and welcome comparison with goods offered elsewhere at similar or higher prices.

We would also call the public's attention to the fact that we cannot at any one time enumerate and quote prices on everything we carry in stock, in a newspaper advertisement, as our lines are too numerous in the many departments.

Do not hesitate to write us at any time, should you desire to know the price of any article, or wish us to submit you samples as it is a pleasure for us to do so, in fact our

MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT

is a growing feature of our business

DRESS GOODS
NOVELTIES, diagonal stripes, 40 inches wide all mixed colors including Greens and Black, Red and Black, Brown and Black, and Gold, at 20c yd. This has proved an excellent seller with us. We quote price on 36 inch CREPES, all shades at 19c yd; actual value 25c.

We have just placed on our counters 25 Pieces Figured and Striped Novelty at the advance of price of 10c yd. These are moving quickly and will not stay with us long. (be sure and write for samples at once).

OUTING FLYNNERS in all the latest style figures, stripes and plaids at 94c, never sold under 10c.

SHOE DEPARTMENT

MEN'S SHOES—We have 312 pair Men's High cut Crepe-soles which we have marked to sell at \$1.37. The same is never sold for less than \$1.75. It is made of the best quality Oak Kip quarters, and Kip front Sole Leather Counter and extension sole. All Solid, sizes 6 to 11.

LADIES' SHOES—We wish to acquaint you with our celebrated "Mattie" shoe which for the price and quality has no equal. It is made from genuine dogskin, in plain opera toe, 11 buttons, is strictly a high grade shoe in every respect, sizes 3 to 7. Our price \$1.67.

In addition to the two special sections we mention we carry at all times the largest and most complete assortment of shoes of all descriptions that can be found anywhere, with the right prices as well.

CORSET DEPARTMENT

Our corset department is as complete as you will find anywhere, we carry over thirty different makes in stock ranging from our No. 900 at 44c up to our Z. Z. French imported corsets at \$1.88.

OUR KAPO CORSETS which we carry in Black, White and Drab with satin covering, imported long exotics closely boned and extra long waists in the best wearing corset for the money you can find anywhere. Our price 90c.

We quote some exceptional values in men's shirts. Men's dress shirts (Tie) small, good lines bonnet, extra well made throughout at 50c. Best tier sizes 32c, 33c and 34c.

We bought at a sacrifice 97 doz. Men's Silk Socks in all the latest designs and colors. We are disposing of them at the absurdly low price of 15c, actual value 25c.

All mail orders will have our prompt and immediate attention. All ways include postage for goods desired by mail. When ordering goods by express do not fail to give name of express station.

We pay all charges on goods when order amounts to \$5.00 or over.

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DEPARTMENT STORE,
Charleston, W. Va.

IT TICKLES YOU
THE INSTANT RELIEF YOU GET FROM
LIGHTNING HOT DROPS.

CURES Colds, Croup, Hoarseness, Flu, Grippe, Stomach Troubles, Headache, Neuralgia, Toothache, Rheumatism, Sprains, Swellings, Burns, Scalds, Itch, Eruptions, Eczema, Ringworm, Scabies, and all skin diseases.

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Official Directory of Pocahontas

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Prosecuting Attorney, L. M. McLintic.
County Clerk, J. C. Arbogast.
County Sheriff, B. E. Burns.
County Treasurer, J. C. Arbogast.
County Assessor, J. C. Arbogast.
County Surveyor, George Baxter.
County Engineer, George P. Moore.
County Jailor, Dr. J. W. Price.
County Jailor, M. J. McNeil.
County Jailor, J. C. Arbogast.
County Jailor, A. C. L. Galewood.
County Jailor, W. H. Green.
County Jailor, Wm. L. Brown.
County Jailor, G. E. Curry.
County Jailor, Academy.
County Jailor, Thomas Butler, Lehigh.

THE COURTS.

Circuit Court convenes on the first Tuesday in April, third Tuesday in June, and third Tuesday in October. County Court convenes on the first Tuesday in January, March, October, and second Tuesday in July. July is a day of rest.

LAW CARDS.

N. C. McNEIL,
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Will practice in the Courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Courts of Appeals of the State of West Virginia.

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PHYSICIAN'S CARDS.

DR. J. C. CAMPBELL,
PHYSICIAN,
MARTINSBURG, VA.

Will visit Pocahontas County at least twice a year. The exact date of his visit will appear in the Times.

DR. J. H. WYNTHAM,
PHYSICIAN,
HUNTERSVILLE, W. VA.

Will visit Pocahontas County every year. The exact date of his visit will appear in the Times.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM, M.D.,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
MARLINTON, W. VA.

Office and home at H. A. Tanager's Store, Lehigh. The exact date of his visit will appear in the Times.

County Boards of Education.

It may be news to some that many of the school buildings of the county are owned by individuals. By this we mean that the buildings have been built at many places without the formality of obtaining a deed for the school-house site.

Reliable information has been received that ten school-houses in the Green Bank District are built on land to which the county has no title, and, while the people of this county have more regard for the welfare of the public property of the county than is to be found in this world in general, still, if there is any thing to be got from the public purse by any means not strictly unlawful, there are men to be found who will take advantage of it. In this one district alone, the ten school-houses represent an expenditure of at least \$4,000. This is a large sum to be in jeopardy. Suppose the owner of the land on which the school-house stands were to convey it; it is not likely that he would think to reserve the school-house lot, and the buyer, finding himself the owner of a school-house, might have it in him to pull the Board's leg for a hundred or so, just to help pay for his purchase.

A casual examination of the Deed Books will show that deeds are conspicuously absent from school-house lots in other districts. In Edray District there are several notable instances. There is still another complication concerning a school building in this district: The Slaty Fork School-house, on Elk, is a neat building, erected a few years ago. Harmon Sharp donated a lot, but when the site was selected it so happened that it was on High Sharp's land, which was not ascertained until some time after, when it was too late to be remedied. If we are not mistaken in this, the county is a tenant at will, or even less, of High Sharp's, if you would not indeed class it as a trespasser.

If the writer had the right to condemn any one, or even throw stones, it would be very appropriate to criticize the inertia of the Board of Education that permitted these things to be. A surveyor is always to be had, and it was poor economy that he was not sent to investigate and obtain proper deeds, with the boundaries set forth, for every lot as it was accepted by the Board.

The Board has a right to the condemnation of land, but if it was found necessary to condemn the lot in order to obtain the legal title, would it not date from the time that the condemnation proceedings commenced, and, in this case, whose house would it be which would be on the land? Would it not, also, be very much like buying snow what you already own?

It is needless to say that steps should be taken at once to rectify matters and secure to the public by proper deeds all of this real estate. A capable surveyor and draughtsman should be employed by each Board to get its land matters in proper shape.

In taking the deeds for land to be used for educational purposes, it is not necessary that the grantor shall stipulate that when the land shall come to be so used that it shall revert to the original owner. The law provides for this, the purchase money being refunded. As most of the lots are donated the lands would thus revert without the payment of any money, and the county would own the building at public auction.

If this matter of school-houses is left in any way as bad as we have portrayed it here, and we

have reason to believe it is worse, the persons whose duty it is to look after it, should hustle to bring about a more businesslike state of affairs, remembering that when you buy land without writing the legal title does not pass, and these equitable titles are not transformed into legal titles always as easily as might be supposed.

"The Heart of America," such is the heading of a recent editorial in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, published from Philadelphia, and claiming one of the widest of journalistic circulations. Referring to the noisy wrangling that occurred in New York over the question of Sabbath observance, the editor remarks:

"No thought is more quieting, no picture more peaceable, no example more conducive to wholesome respect than that which the South at present offers to the whole country. As a restful picture of life, as the South always offers to those who can look at it and it's people with a broad-minded spirit and with discerning eyes, that garden-spot of American life has never presented a more delightful aspect than at this moment. And it should command our national respect, admiration, and thankfulness."

The reason that is given for this word of praise is the observance of the Sabbath by the managers of the Atlanta Exhibition. Quietly the gates have been closed Saturday night and opened Monday morning. It was done as a matter of course, and, hence, the American Sabbath was kept sacred, without ostentation, without cant, without a thought, even, of anything else. The Southern idea of Sabbath observance is simply the pure, simple, American idea. The same is true of Southern ideas in many other directions. The most wholesome American ideas, those ideas upon which our government rests, are nowhere so prevalent as they are at present in the South. The Southern people believe in progress, but progress along healthy, rational lines. Theories that mentally upset find no sympathy among such a people, contented as they are to move slowly but sanely and surely. The editorial closes with these remarkable sentiments:

"When the vast majority of us who live in other portions of the country get through with our occupying-out civilization and drop our boastful manners and get old enough to understand that there is a stronghold of conservatism which stands between tyranny and anarchy, our eyes will turn towards the South. And we will see there a people who are Americans in ideas and in living, a people who are peaceful, progressive, earnest, courageous, and patriotic; a people who have made of their land against defeat and prejudice, 'the heart of America.'"

The New York World prints the following item concerning a post-office of this county. We do not know whether there is any truth in the report or not:

"When Uncle Sam gave the present weighty affairs of the nation, the distinguished and our give attention to minor details of the Government some of the people living in Pocahontas County will be glad to have him scatter a few hand-bills worded somewhat as follows:

Lost, strayed or stolen—Post-office keys of this county. Any person finding them, please return to the post-office, and a reward of \$500 will be paid.

The above-mentioned post-office has been kidnapped. Prior to 1895, J. Williams had been postmaster. Then he changed his residence, leaving W. F. Williams as deputy. One day last week Williams disappeared, and the deputy postmaster, and who had been from him, and the postmaster was in Green Bank, less than a week. Yesterday some of the persons of the adjacent office were in Martinsburg looking for a man to go to the post-office to get the office keys.

Historical Cleanings.

The writer is under obligations to Mrs. Lizzie Lightner for the following particulars that partially illustrate the history of a very worthy pioneer of Pocahontas County, and his descendants.

Joseph Wooddell, the pioneer, came from Augusta County, and located near Green Bank, on the place occupied by the late Andrew Joseph, Wooddell. This occurred near the close of the last century. His sons were Thomas, Joseph, Jr., James, and John. The daughters were Peggy, Jennie, Nancy, and Betsey. Thomas Wooddell married a Miss Blake, and lived where Mr. George Sutton now lives (1896). Joseph Wooddell's wife was Priscilla Slavin, and they moved to Ohio. John Wooddell married Polly Slavin, a sister of Priscilla, and these ladies were the daughters of William Slavin. This son of the pioneer lived where Jacob Wooddell now lives, near Green Bank. His family consisted of three sons, William Joseph, Stewart, and Jacob, and four daughters.

William J., his eldest son, now deceased, was a person of marked prominence, most of his life being spent in public office, as Magistrate, Sheriff, and Member of the Legislature. Jacob lives near Green Bank, a well-known citizen. Stewart, another son, was for many years a prominent citizen, and held several public offices. He moved to north-west Virginia, where his family resides.

The daughters of John Wooddell were Betty, Mary, Margaret, Priscilla, and Nancy ann. Betty married Mr. Andrew Bird, of Highland, Virginia. Mary became the second wife of the late John H. Ruckman, and now lives in Georgia. Margaret Priscilla was married to Randolph Slavin, late of Huntersville, and she now lives at Marlinton. Mrs. S. L. Brown and Mrs. L. M. McLintic are her daughters. Her sons, Oscar and Guy, live in the West. Nancy Ann was married to Lafayette Burner, of the Upper Tract.

James Wooddell, another son of the pioneer Joseph Wooddell, married Jane Warwick, daughter of Andrew Warwick. Two sons, Andrew Joseph and John Benami, and three daughters, Sarah Ann, Mary Jane, and Elizabeth Margaret, composed his family, reared on the old homestead settled by the pioneer.

John B. married a Miss Bumgardner. Andrew Joseph married Mary Ann Kerr, daughter of the late Thomas Kerr. He is now dead, and his widow and a son and daughter survive him, and occupy the nice old homestead. Elizabeth Margaret became the second wife of the late William Lightner, Esq., and she now makes her home with her step-son, Charles A. Lightner, Esq., near Green Bank.

Peggy, one of the pioneer's daughters, married William Slavin Sr. Jennie, another daughter, married Joseph Galford, and moved west. Nancy married James Cooper, who lived at the Bible Place. He was a citizen well known in the county in his time as Commissioner of the Revenue for many years. Betsey, another daughter, was never married.

No doubt many other particulars might be collected in regard to this interesting person and his descendants that would serve a useful purpose in elucidating local history. It is to be hoped that some Wooddell and Professor R. S. Wooddell, who bear his mother's name, will give this matter special attention, and put their names in a book for permanent preservation.

The War with England.

To *The Journal of War*, (late the *Pocahontas Times*), Forks of Cranberry, West Virginia:

MARLINTON, W. VA., July 4, 1897. —Much excitement was occasioned at this place this week by the arrival of the officers of the conscription department, who were seeking recruits for the United States Army. The President's call for troops at first caused a number of the more foolhardy spirits of this section to volunteer, but such a call was in no wise destined to depopulate the county. The use of the personal magnetic bullet, an American invention the secret of which was betrayed to the enemy, and which is attracted by the proximity of any flesh near which it passes, has so terrified many of our citizens that the conscript officers were looked upon with great disfavor.

The enterprising hunters of this section were not long in procuring some of these cartridges, and when it was seen that if the bullet was aimed any where in ten feet of a deer, or any other live target, it would sever from it's course and enter the body of the animal, a great panic took possession of the majority of the people, and the fear of them is so great that most of them are unwilling to enter the army. The conscript officers say that another Yankee has devised an ointment which, if rubbed on the body, neutralizes this personal magnetism, and renders the improved cartridge as harmless as any other. Great pains are being taken by the Commander in Chief to preserve this secret, and the inventor is closely guarded night and day to prevent his escaping to England and selling the recipe to the enemy, for inventors are looked upon as thrifty people.

It is needless to say that this was regarded by the astute citizens of the county as a dodge on the part of the conscript officers, and they did not rise to their little fly at all.

It may be interesting to know how the different citizens of the town escaped being torn from the bosom of their families to go and fight their grandmother. The force was stationed all round the town, and no one was permitted to leave. Several tried it the first night, but were all turned back. The detachment has its headquarters in Wild Cat Shanty, the proprietor of which is supposed to be in Patagonia.

Grandpapa McLaughlin, who fought for four years in the Confederacy, volunteered at once. His name was entered on the roll, but he was taken very ill the next day, and doubts are expressed as to the certainty of his recovery anywise soon.

A prominent lawyer of the place invited the officers into his back office, and they have been very friendly ever since.

A well to do merchant, whose kindly face would be very much missed in the town, has waited on his customers with only one arm, the other having mysteriously disappeared. No questions have been asked by his friends, but they think it is a little pleasing action that is being practiced.

The store-keeper at the post-office is smooth-faced and small of stature, and his appearing in women's clothes really made a very nice-looking girl. One of the conscripts had to be kept in a cage a few nights since, and since then has been very attentive.

A soldier of the town said that he had undergone a terrible ordeal in regard to warfare, but he was promptly dashed and secured that the conscription of the regiment would secure all should have his talent.

a Jewish merchant, and that evening a box full of stones was buried at the public cemetery. "It's a cold day, etc."

The Editor of *The Herald* was levied on, but he elected to set the part of the imbecile, and he did it so naturally that he wholly deceived the officers.

Another lawyer of the place proved to their satisfaction that he was gun-shy, over a couple of bottles of contraband, and he was left at home.

The soldiers left town yesterday evening, with about a dozen raw recruits, besides the Marlinton football team having volunteered to go in a body. The latter will be used as experts by the commanders, as they having played against Englishmen several times are pretty well calculated to know when they will run round you and when they will run over you.

The drug-store was confiscated as belonging to an Englishman.

The conscripting force will go from here to Lewisburg, but they have but little hope of doing much business in that town, as it is reported that most of the inhabitants are over seventy-five years of age.

[NOTE: We wish to explain, for the twentieth time, that we did not remove to the mountains from fear, but because so many persons have refused to Western Pocahontas that it is a very populous district, and, besides, the rent is so much cheaper and the place much healthier. A stranger arrived here day before yesterday who claims to be the man who first sold four glasses of beer for five cents, in Cincinnati, but whom we suspect is ex-President Cleveland. He caught a trout in the Shamute Hole this morning, and has inquired at this office if there are any ducks in this part.—Editor.]

THE McLAUGHLIN HOUSE.

Marlinton, West Virginia.

This hotel was rented and arranged for the special comfort and convenience of the traveling public. On arrival each guest will be asked how he likes the situation; and if he says the hotel ought to have been placed further from the Court-house, and nearer the business part of town, the location will be immediately changed.

Bath, gas, water-closet, hot and cold water, laundry, hot and cold air, telephones, fire alarm, daily papers, coupe, sewing machine, grand organ, and all other modern conveniences in every room. Meals every minute if desired, and consequently no second table.

Any guest not getting his meals hot, or experiencing a delay of 10 seconds after giving his order, will please report the fact at the Manager's office, and cooks and waiters will be blown from the mouth of a cannon in front of the hotel at once.

Children will be welcomed with delight. They will be allowed to hang on the organ at all hours, fall down stairs, carry away doors enough for a small family in their pockets at dinner, and make themselves as disagreeable as the fastest mother could desire.

"Grandpapa," the landlord, will always be happy to hear that some other hotel is the best house in the country. Special attention given to parties who can give information as to how these things are done in New York." (It

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Mr. and Mrs. Fogg were having about a quarrel over their youthful son, who had not been conducting himself in a way to please his mother.

"I don't care," Mrs. Fogg exclaimed, "Henry is just like you. Even a stranger could tell in a minute that he was your son."

"Oh, nonsense!" Mr. Fogg replied. "Don't say such things to the guests. You'll make the hotel as bad as a prison."

GRAND BROTHER is not satisfied with getting a large share of a country's gold, but demands that a country's silver be taken from him. —The Star, Washington.

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HOME NEWS

A GIRL of the name of Pochon's Acres was married in Monroe last week.

Mr H. A. YEAGER is agent for the Old Dominion Building and Loan Association, Richmond, Va.

On Tuesday the sugar-trees began to run on the southern exposure for the first time this year.

The plank walk is gradually getting under way and there is a good prospect of its being completed before another winter.

We learn that Christopher Sweeney, of Dry Branch of Elk, is recovering from his severe illness under the skillful treatment of Dr. Cameron.

Do not take any substitute when you ask for the only true blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only true blood purifier.

For Sheriff we hear of two possible candidates, who are both very eligible; one from the Levels District and the other from the Green Bank District.

A GRAVE-YARD RABBIT was killed at this place last week. Its feet were carefully preserved and used as moccasins. They are of great value, and none of the owners would think of parting with them.

W. B. HILL, Lobelia, W. Va. sells the best coffee in the county. There is to be a good sugar season. Let every one make all they can for they can get sale for a few months at W. B. Hill's. He has a lot of fine corn to sell at 50 cts per bushel cash, which will be worth 75 cts. by April 1.

A SUIT was brought at the January Rules by attorneys Jones, McClinic, and Stephenson to set aside the deed conveying the Lockridge farm from H. M. Lockridge to Amos and Henry Barlow, on the ground that in making such conveyance the grantor had preferred creditors to the detriment of others. It is destined to be a notable suit.

JUDGE A. N. CAMPBELL had the misfortune to miss his footing and fall while walking to his home from the residence of Mrs. Allen Caperton a few nights ago, and as a consequence, suffered the dislocation of a shoulder. By a little careful nursing, however, he is well and will recover.

DR. JAMES HARVEY, of Wayne county was shot from ambush at Guyan Rongha. He was riding on horseback when he received the fatal shot, and was found by friends on the public highway. James Allan is under arrest charged with the crime. The two men had trouble recently.

J. W. HARTMAN, at the head of the medical department of the West Virginia University, has been made a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London, England. Similar honors have been conferred on the doctor by several medical societies in France and England. He is only 33 years of age.

"JOSE BILLINGS says, 'With all your getting good knowledge,' Solomon says, 'Get understanding.' Leaving you to decide which you prefer. We would add that there are plenty of plans to obtain the former if you have plenty of money, but if you are short of cash there is only one way to obtain the latter and that is to buy your share of P. Golden."

During the holidays the young people of Marlinton were more than delighted with the elegant reception tendered them by Mr. and Mrs. Holt, and gave hearty expression of their grateful appreciation of the same. Last Friday the older people of Marlinton passed a very enjoyable day at their guests and some of their number would gladly testify that a more pleasant and profitable social gathering can scarcely be imagined.

The colored population of the Branch is under the baneful influence of several conjurers. Beyond the fact that of these conjurers, one, having a conjure, arrested, imprisoned or prohibited, the conjurers are very reticent about the matter and will not talk on the subject very openly. The most of them refuse to give names and say they have nothing to say or to who is working the magic spell. The conjurers are in a state of ferment and widely divided. Two young ladies had a fight which resulted in a dog bit, and one of the girls was found to be in the penitentiary to make another high display of the church, which was likely to bring on further disturbances.

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Charley Lewis Captured.

Last Saturday, while Deputy Sheriff Burns was coming up Elk, he fell in with a negro boy whom he at once spotted as the negro wanted for breaking the skull of Anderson Chestnut with a rock, on Christmas eve last, in Highland County. Bob Burns is an adept in the art of gathering up persons who leave the country for the country's good, and, besides, he had the description of this man from Sheriff E. M. Arbogast, of Highland County. The man described was of medium height, weighed 150 pounds, light-colored, and had a scar above his eye. This scar gave him away.

The Deputy rode slowly and talked to the boy until he got to Edray, where he drew a pistol and arrested him. He was brought to the Marlinton jail on Saturday night, and will be kept here until a requisition is had from the Governor of Virginia. There is a prize reward of about \$40 offered for the negro's arrest and apprehension.

INTERVIEW WITH LEWIS.

Lewis was at home Monday when a reporter of this paper interviewed him. He talked freely about the matter, and said that he was on his way back to Highland when he was taken. He had got as far as Mingo when he turned back. He is a Highland negro, and is a good hand picker, and in great request for dances.

On Christmas night last he had been employed by a man to furnish music at a dance. Chestnut came up and ordered him to begin playing. When he did not at once comply, he cursed him and struck at him, the blow being warranted off. Chestnut then took him by the throat, whereupon Lewis knocked him down. Some persons pushed Lewis out of the room, and Chestnut came out after him with a knife and club in his hands. Then Lewis struck him with the rock which mashed his skull. The doctors removed seventeen pieces of bone from the affected part. Chestnut is recovering from his hurt, strange as it may seem. Lewis is a good-looking negro, and the impression is that his act was justifiable.

J. C. LOURY, Senior's, Will.

The will of J. C. LOURY, Senior, was recently probated in the County Clerk's office of this County, and the following disposition of his property has been made. J. C. LOURY, Junior, and Samuel LOURY, of Virginia, were named executors. No security is required by the will.

To Mrs LOURY is given the house on the west side of Main Street of Hantersville, and the lot and stable known as the Garvey Lot, during her natural life, and after her death to Josiah C. LOURY. Also the household and kitchen furniture, and the Little Back Creek farm for life.

Besides the reversion of the above property, Josiah C. LOURY is willed the storehouse and lot in Hantersville and testator's share of stock in store. To Mrs LOURY is willed, also, for life, the testator's one-half interest in the hotel, to revert to Mrs. Fannie K. LOURY.

To his daughters, Mrs. W. H. Grose, Mrs. Stuart Campbell, Mrs. Dameron, is willed \$600 each from the bonds and accounts, and the residue to Josiah C. LOURY.

He will recite this will. Early had received her portion of the estate during the lifetime of testator. James W. LOURY is willed the Barclay mill property for his life, and at his death to his children. On the reversion of the Little Back Creek farm, twenty acres near the old house site is to become the property of Josiah C. LOURY, and the residue to be sold, and the proceeds divided as follows: To each of his daughters, Mrs. Grose, Mrs. Dameron, and Mrs. Campbell, \$700 each, and to his son, Samuel LOURY, \$1,200, the residue being bequeathed to Josiah C. LOURY.

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Death of George Gibson, Esq.

It becomes our mournful duty to record the unexpected decease of Mr. George Gibson, at his home near Marlinton, Tuesday morning, January 21st, at half past three o'clock, aged forty-six years.

He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, so widely known for their thrift and hospitality.

Soon after his marriage to Miss Rachel, daughter of Mr. John Hannah, on the Old Field Fork section of Elk, Mr. Gibson located at the Samuel Gray homestead, two miles from Marlinton. Here he devoted himself to the farm with satisfactory returns. In booming times he refused a tempting offer for his property, fearing he might never find another place where he could feel so much at home, such was the intensity of his local attachment. The young farmer developed into a public-spirited citizen; advocated improved roads, patronized schools, and favored liberal education beyond the present reach of the public school system. By a wide circle of friends and acquaintances he was held in high esteem for his sterling integrity and genial intercourse. His sufferings were of a very excruciating character, but they were endured with manly fortitude.

His wife and a daughter survive him, who, together with his sorrowing friends have much to comfort them in his death. He requested them to try and meet him in a heavenly home, and testified very earnestly that he was not afraid to die.

On Wednesday he was buried near his home, followed by deeply sorrowing relatives, friends, and neighbors. Many pronounced the funeral services as the largest they have ever seen on a local occasion.

The Old Jail.

Of the three jail buildings in the county, this item concerns the oldest of them all, the brick building at Hantersville which has not been used as a jail for about ten years. Colonel R. S. Turk, of Staunton, is the present owner, and he is at the present time remodeling it to make a dwelling-house. Oliver McKeever is the carpenter who has the work in hand. He has spent about six weeks in tearing out the work in the cell compartments which strengthened it against possible escape by the prisoners. The outside of the walls are brick. There comes six inches of studding spiked together. Then oak and hickory poles. Upon this were two diagonal layers of oak plank, all spiked on with sixty penny nails. The whole wall was several feet thick.

There was only one knap from this jail the whole time of its use, and that was by Dick Knapp, the missing man whose body was never found. He removed the bricks from the chimney and made a frame the size of his body which he passed down the chimney to see if the fire was large enough. He then slipped down the chimney himself, having a tight squeeze of it, came out of the fire-place below, and took his leave through the front door.

CLOVER LICK.

We are having fine winter weather. People are getting through the winter very well with their stock.

Mr. J. C. Price has built a fine barn.

Howard Showalter has purchased fifty acres of land on Slaty Fork to which he will remove to his place of time.

We heard of quite a runaway at Dunmore the other day. A horse running away in a sleigh. We did not know that they worked their horses in that section except when the bickery took place.

Mr. Arbogast passed through this village today.

The sick at this place are improving under the care of Drs. Logan and Cunningham.

BLACK SLIPPER.

The quarterly meeting went off Saturday and Sunday. Rev. D. C. Hendrick, P. E. preached there a beautiful sermon. There was a large attendance and the collection was \$100.00. The Annual Conference will be held at the Annual Conference at a big meeting. Quoted from a letter from a friend at New York to B. Kinsman, of W. Va. "I have seen a black slipper in a field at a distance of ten miles from a field of corn."

Clark Kellison, Marcellus Dorman and daughter, and John Roake, of Buckeye, have been visiting in this vicinity.

Andrew Hill will go to Ronceverte for W. B. Hill, this week.

W. J. Seaberg, of Greenbrier, was up to see something Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Peck, who has been sick so long, is improving fast. Moffat H. Morrison, of Hinton, was in this place a few days ago. He was accompanied by C. J. Hill of this county.

P. Henry has purchased the steam saw-mill of this city and will in the near future put up a big saw mill. We wish him much success. The public school closed with a fine entertainment. WILD BILL.

Mr. Preston Schieler and wife have returned from Greenbrier, where they visited his mother, who is very sick.

Mrs. George Whiting is very sick this time. Dr. F. T. McClinic, attending physician.

Wash Hill, of Frankfort, is on the Creek.

James and Thomas Ray, of Braxton county, have gone from here in Monroe on a visit to N. S. Clutter has been on the sick list.

Prof. A. L. Anderson's school will close Friday. Prof. T. M. McCarty's school closed Friday last. P. Henry is off to Frankfort on business.

P. M. Townsend & Co. will cut their beet-tee this week.

OBSERVER.

HILLSBORO.

The farmers seem to rejoice over the beautiful weather as feed is scarce and it takes so much less to winter stock when they can get to the ground.

H. A. Overholt is off on a business trip, to Greenbrier.

The Hillsboro Cornet Band has been heard again. Mr. Martin Corbin is now with them as teacher, and we hope they will in the near future be ready to play publicly. The need of music on a great many occasions is severely felt, and we wish to see the band fill that place.

Mr. E. I. Holt's new house, perhaps the finest dwelling in our county, is being painted inside, and will be painted out side as soon as the weather will permit. Messrs. G. M. Corbin and W. A. Eckridge are the painters. This house will give them a chance to display their workmanship on a high order. Any one acquainted with the architecture of this building knows that it is difficult task. We know that in most of the Xmas weddings the groom was over matched. He took her away but she brought him back again. We suppose some of the parties were disappointed when they didn't have a serenade, but we suppose all of the serenaders went to Lobelia.

Mr. Howard Bird is still in our section with his mill machine. But we think he is looking after some other interests as well.

We expect to hear of a visit to the clerk's office soon, as we see a fine gray horse driven now-days.

X. Y.

DILEY'S MILL.

We have had a mild winter, so far, but plenty of time yet for a hard winter. Feed seems plenty, and every one seems to have enough to survive the winter.

The young folks had quite an enjoyable surprise party at Mr. J. F. Wanless, on the 10th. They appeared to be much elated over it. Professor J. A. McLaughlin went away singing "After the Ball."

NEWS IS SCARC.

Henry Aubridge and wife, of Academy, were visiting in this part last week.

Fred Fertig is gone to Davis to work on the railroad, where Amos and Charlie Fertig have been working for some time.

Dave Moore sold his timber (90 feet) to Bule & Steinmeyer.

We notice in THE TIMES of recent date an article from "Knapp's Creek" speaking of the "Methodist Episcopal Church, North."

We would say that the destination is not made of a Northern Methodist Church. There are the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, North.

The public schools are flourishing in this part. Bradley Sharp was there last week the 15th.

Isa Moore, suffering very much with rheumatism.

Dr. Fawcett raised the "house" tonight and is supplying the same.

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DEPARTMENT STORE



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ANNOUNCEMENT

In submitting our prices to the public we do not expect quotations to be always the lowest, nor have we any intention of meeting a price. All our efforts have been toward the buying and selling of thoroughly satisfactory articles, at smallest cost at which good materials and good workmanship can be obtained.

We leave results to judgment of shrewd buyers, and come comparison with goods offered elsewhere at similar higher prices.

We would also ask the public's attention to the fact that we are one time ennumerate and quote prices on everything we stock in a newspaper advertisement, as our lines are too vast for many departments.

Do not hesitate to write us any time, should you desire to a price of any article, or wish us to submit you samples as it is a for us to do so, in fact, we are.

MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is a growing feature of our DRESS GOODS

NOVELTIES, diagonal stripes, 40 inches wide all mixed colors. Green and Black, Red and Black, Brown and Black, Green and Black, etc. This has proved an excellent seller with us.

We quote price on 36 inch CREPONS, all shades at the 10th and 25th.

We have just placed on our counters 25 Pieces Figured as Novelties at the unheard of price of 104c yd. These are moving and will not stay with us long. Be sure and write for samples.

OUTING FLANNELS in all the latest style figures, stripes and checks, never sold under 10c.

SHOE DEPARTMENT

MEN'S SHOES.—We have 312 pair Men's High-cut Crepe-soled shoes marked to sell at \$1.37. The same is never sold for \$1.37. It is made of the best quality Oak Kip quarters, and E. Sole Leather Counter and extension sole. All Solid, sizes 6 to 10.

LADIES' SHOES.—We wish to acquaint you with our "Mattie" shoe which for the price and quality has no equal. From genuine dogskin, in plain opera toe, 11 bottom, in strictly grade shoe in every respect, sizes 3 to 7. Our price \$1.87.

In addition to the two specials we mention we carry at all times the largest and most complete assortment of shoes of all descriptions can be found anywhere, with the right prices as well.

CORSET DEPARTMENT

Our corset department is as complete as you will find anywhere. We carry over thirty different makes in stock ranging from our No. 1 to our No. 2. French imported corsets at \$4.50.

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